GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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CHEMICAL ACCIDENTS RULES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chemical Accidents (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Respons

(e) Rules, 1996 prescribe multi-tiered crisis response groups;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and (

(c) the steps taken to set up Emergency Response Centres in densely industrialised pockets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) :Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Environment and Forests has notified the ChemicalAccident (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules, 1996 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for management of Chemical Accidents. TheRules provide for a statutory back up for setting up of four-tier Crisis Group at the Centre, State, District and Local levels for management ofaccidents. The Government also provides financial assistance on a cost sharing basis between the Centre, the State and the industry, for setting up of Emergency Response Centre. So far financial assistance has been provided for setting up four Centres.